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## MMC Youth Minister Laura Beckman

The Midlands Mission Center Presidents Team is grateful for Laura Beckman’s ministry with our youth the past few years. She has been able to share her immense talents with programming, music, singing, and leadership during a particularly difficult time. She has done all of this with a cheerful smile and willing attitude that is contagious to all those around her. Although she has resigned as Youth Minister, we know she won’t be far from the ongoing youth activities planned this year.

## CACH Paper Drive Competition

Central Avenue Center of Hope continues to respond to the mission initiative *Abolish Poverty, End Suffering*. Through your generosity, thousands of meals are served each year to individuals and families. Please join us in this important ministry.

CACH needs 20,000 of each of the following paper products:

**8-9 in. foam plates; 5-6 in. dessert plates;  
8 oz. foam cups; 12 oz. foam bowls;  
napkins; sporks; & toilet paper**

The contest ends October 1<sup>st</sup>, and a trophy will be presented at the MMC fall conference. For more information, contact Kerry Lukenbill 816.452.0710. The winner will be determined by:

**Number of Items given  
Your Oct 1st's attendance**

## MISSION CENTER UPDATES

To join the Norton Heights congregational leadership team, contact Peter Judd: 816.682.4394 or [sonjudd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sonjudd@sbcglobal.net).

## SAVE THE DATE

Sept 2 Yoga @ The Temple World Plaza (9:30am)  
Sept 15-17 TWIST Weekend @ Olathe  
Oct 15 MMC Fall Conference

## Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes

### *Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)*

The Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission, through the Graceland University Community of Christ Seminary, has opened fall classes for enrollment. To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit [graceland.edu/CIMM](http://graceland.edu/CIMM).

*Fall B Session (October 23-December 17):*

- **Introduction to Scripture:** \$25
- **Ministry of the Deacon:** \$25
- **Children and Youth Worker Core Training:** Self-paced two weeks, \$25
- **Christian Ministry Certificate Course: Intro to Hebrew Scriptures:** Kat Goheen – online and one live session per week – \$100

## Diversity & Inclusion Team Workshops

*Pick A Diversity-Building Understanding*

**2:30 – 4:00 pm Sunday, September 10**

Three upcoming sessions are designed to encourage and support our members in building self-awareness regarding diversity and learning about being a more inclusive faith community. This first 90-minute workshop uses simple, eye-opening activities to help participants walk in another's shoes and build better understanding for personal and congregational empathy and understanding. It offers guidance for the development of specific action plans for inclusion. All are welcome at these free workshops, but **registration is required**.

- 10/8 Identifying Microaggressions to Create a Culture of Belonging
- 11/19 Resisting Unconscious Bias and Building Inclusiveness

To register: Send your name, email address, contact phone number, and title of the workshop you wish to attend to Heather Frey at [hfrey@cofchrist.org](mailto:hfrey@cofchrist.org). A Zoom link will be sent to you at least a week before the workshop.

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## JPAT Book Study

*"Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer*

**7–8:30 pm every-other Tuesday Sep 12 – Nov 21**

Join an open Zoom book study meeting hosted by the Greater Kansas City Justice & Peace Action Team of Central and Midlands Mission Centers, Community of Christ. Register at [bit.ly/JPAT-BS](https://bit.ly/JPAT-BS)



## Twist Weekend @ Olathe

*Teens Working In Service Together*

**7pm Fri, Sept 15 – 11:45am Sun, Sept 17**

At TWIST, amongst all the fun and fellowship of camp, 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade campers learn the value of service and giving back to the community while participating in various service-related activities on Saturday. This can consist of many things, including helping a congregational member in the church we're staying at or volunteering in a local not-for-profit business. We all learn how good it feels to give back and to help those in need!

Adult volunteers will carpool to help transport kids. Showers are available, so please pack accordingly. Bring \$25 fees and an event registration form, which can be found on the MMC website. Please RSVP by September 11 to Kat Hnatyshyn 816.506.6948 or Laura Beckman 913.484.1311.



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